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ELIMINATION OF “MINIMAL” AND “LIMITED” INSPECTION

Under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and as stated in 9 CFR 307.4 and 381.37, “no operations requiring inspection shall be conducted except under the supervision of a program employee.” Because of staffing shortages in the 1970s, the Agency initiated programs called “minimal” and “limited” inspection for certain operations at certain qualified processing establishments, under which inspection was provided on a less than per shift basis.

FSIS realizes that these programs do not accomplish the Agency’s statutory obligation to visit each establishment at least once during each shift that the establishment operates. Therefore, this notice suspends all “limited” and “minimal” inspection programs and officially cancels Part 6 of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Manual.

FSIS will inspect all processing establishments at least once during each shift that the establishment operates. Effective immediately, District Managers must take steps to implement this clarified policy in an expeditious manner.

Direct questions to the Technical Service Center at 1-800-233-3935.

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